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City of Bainbridge Island
280 North Madison Ave.
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Subject: Comments on Proposed Designation for Murden Cove

Dear Members of City Council,

Thank you for keeping Murden Cove designated Aquatic Conservancy. (Now called Priority Aquatic A even though I would have preferred keeping the original name). The Cove is a special place, and our neighborhood group, the Murden Cove Preservation Association, has been involved in its protection for 35 years. There are two items which I would appreciate the City to check on:

- 1) Make sure the conditions placed on the Blue Heron Hills development in 1987 by the Shoreline Hearings Board (SHB) are known and consistent with the draft policy and regulations in the Bainbridge Island Shoreline Management Plan (SMP). The Plan includes the principle that the conditions which best protect the environment are to be used. If the City does not have this document, I will be happy to provide a copy of this SHB decision upon request. Furthermore I suggest that an appendix to the SMP should be compiled which lists all the important Shoreline CUPs, SHB decisions, and court decisions related to shoreline matters on Bainbridge Island. This will provide staff and citizens a ready reference to other shoreline requirements set by government agencies.
- 2) Increase the separation of the two colors which indicate Natural and Priority Aquatic B designations on the map. These two are very close in color on the map, and could lead to some confusion. My family's waterfront property on Murden Cove has a conservation easement on it and hence has been designated Natural. The brown color for Natural could be confused with the reddish brown used to indicate Priority Aquatic B. This is easily solved by making one of these two designations a different color.

Also please make the line indicating Natural in the Winslow Ravine wider so its designation and location are clear. The above requests are minor in nature, and should not postpone a decision by the Council. Please forward the current plan to the State's Department of Ecology without delay.

Sincerely,



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cc: Ryan Ericson, Planner